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Society's News and Sidelights & Woman's Realm Not Politics, **Declares Lady Mountbatten**

Britain's Titled Visitor Apparently Stands Alone Among Present Day Society Women in Her Attitude That Home Is Her Only Proper Sphere.

7 HEN Lady Mountbatten, the latest member of Britain's roya! family circle to visit New York, expressed herself last Wednesday with biting incisiveness and a wide sweep of her cigarette that "Women's realm is not in politics," she proved herself an exception and establishes a rule both in Great Britain and the United States.

The bride of King George's blood cousin discounted the influence of Lady Astor in her native and adopted lands; was not aware that the New York born Countess of Ancaster has been appointed a J. P. in London, and did not seem to be at all impressed by the facts that a dozen women of social consequence in New York are members of Republican or Democratic county or State committees, and that fourteen women are running for Congress this autumn in the United States.

A woman, according to the heiress granddaughter of the late Sir Ernest Cassel, should have individuality to be sure, in proper sport, in the social graces and in her household, but not in public life. Lady Mountbatten's attitude was a cross current in a feminine realm famous for its "political parties," an attitude of a young woman whose keen, inquisitive mind, sense of humor and forceful personality could make her a power in the feminine side of civics. Moreover her royal husband, one of the numerous great-grandchildren of Queen Victoria, quite agrees with her, although it is evident Lady Mountbatten makes up her own mind.

During the first few days of the visit of Lord and Lady Mountbatten closing yesterday the couple avoided the social foreground. It will be different next month, when they return as guests of Brig.-Gen, and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt. Yesterday they started on their tour in a private car as guests of Col. Robert M. Thompson, with the Colonel's daughter, Mrs. Stephen H. P. Pell, as a member of the party.

The Interest of Society in Politics.

The present interest of society in politics, that developed through the summer months, lies in the fact that men and women, particularly the latadvancing further and in greater numbers into the political lime-

light and in their civic influence.

Mrs, Oliver H. P. Belmont sounds the keynote in her article in the current number of The Ladies' Home Journal when she declares that her public position now is secure, after having passed through three distinct phases of social ostracism because of faithfulness to her opinions.

Activities in civic matters, pertaining primarily to local public improvement, punctuated the ordinary summer life of Southampton, the Berkshires and Newport, particularly at the Rhode Island resort, where, with the political side of things having a strong bearing upon the financial end of social life, always has been marked. Even the ever present topic of "modification" came up in amusing ways at all the resorts, and will have a bearing on future developments among the enemies of "enforcement." as that movement among men and women of New York society is concentrating in the national Molly Pitcher Club movement.

It was at a midsummer meeting of taxpayers among summer residents in the Newport Casino that Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont revealed that she has been a legal resident of Newport since she was 8 years old, first as Miss Alva E. S. smith, then as Mrs. William K. Venderbilt and afterward as Mrs. Belmont. There were others in the audience assembled to protest against their increasing taxes who. like Mrs. Belmont, had been lifelong residents of Newport and who, also like Mrs. Belmont, objected to the application to them of the term "summer residents" as against permanent residents of the resort.

Women Address Chamber of Commerce.

The meeting was under the auspices of the local Chamber of Commerce, with Newport's Mayor presiding, and Mrs. Henry Barton Jacobs, Miss Maude K. Wetmore, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Betts Hillhouse, Mrs. Arthur Curtiss James, Mrs. Harold Brown, Mrs. Brady Harriman, Messrs. George Henry Warren and Hamilton Fish Webster and Mrs. Marion Eppley were among those who had set aside usual forencon social routine to applaud warmly Mrs. Belmont when, with characteristic force, she said: "What I would like to know, Mr. Mayor, is, what becomes of our money after it is paid into the city treasury. The roads I travel when I leave my home are a disgrace to Newport." Other epeches to the point were made by Mr. Warren, Mrs. Wortham James and Miss Edith Wetmore.

It was at the time of that meeting, which is characteristic of Newport's lit was at the time of that meeting, which is characteristic of Newport's had been severing her active relations with Newport, resigned as resident of the Newport Improvement Association, from which comes much of Newport society's inspiration in civics. Mr. John Thompson Spencer was elected emporary president until the later election of Mr. Marion Eppley as successor f Mrs. Fitz Simons.

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Mr. and Mrs. Eppley have long been members of Newport's summer colony, to it has only been in the last two years that they have showed a disposition to step forward. Early this season they purchased from Mr. Edwin D. Morgan Lia Beacon Rock, one of the Rhode Island resort's most picturesque show places, overlooking the inner harbor. Mrs. Eppley comes naturally by her fondness for Newport, being a member of a family that has been identified with summer life there for more than half a century. She is a grandniece of the late Henry A. C. Taylor, whose summer home there antedated the modern Newport palace.

Molly Pitcher Club in the Foreground.

While the rank and file of each of the dominant national parties have gradnaily been extending their ramifications among women of social influence in New York, it is the campaign of the Molly Pitcher Club, standing for modifi-cation of the Eighteenth Amendment, that gives the women of New York society

Programment of the Molly Pitcher Club came into existence a year ago with Miss Alice Carpenter as director and Mrs. Donn Barber as one of her chief backers. They formulated their basic principle just a year ago. It was: "That this club is an organized effort on the part of patriotic women to revive among them the spirit of Molly Pitcher and the American Revolution to prevent any tendency on the part of our national Government to interfere with the personal habits of the American people except those habits which may be designated as criminal."

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The campaign carried weight and has brought significant results, with such women back of Miss Carpenter and Mrs. Donn Barber as Miss Juliana Cutting. Mrs. Charles H. Ditson, Mrs. Lytleton Fox. Mrs. Edward S. Harkness, Mrs. Francis Burrall Hoffman, Mrs. John H. Iselin, coleader of the Republican Committee of the Fifteenth Assembly District in New York; Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, Miss Maud A. Leland, Mrs. James B. Lowell, Mrs. Edward McVickar, Mrs. George T. Maxwell, Mrs. Walter E. Maynard, Mrs. John Purroy Mitchel, Mrs. J. wis Gouverneur Morris, Mrs. Charles L. Riker, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey, daughter of Mrs. E. Henry Harriman; Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee, a daughter of the late J., Pierpont Morgan; Mrs. William F. Sheehan, Mrs. Horatio S. Shonnard, Mrs. Richard T. Wilson, Mrs. Egerton L. Winthrop and Mrs. Lucius K. Wilmerding.

Some of those women are powers in the summer colonies at Newport, Southempton and in the Berkshires, to which they carried this summer their message "that our activities shall be directed through this association against the prohibition amendment to permit the sales of light wines and beer regulated by the several States, with the stronger spirits regulated by the Government."

Said one of those women of society: "The salcon is coming back, but it will be a respectable salcon. The future salcon is to be a club for the man in the street, where he may sip his light wine or beer at a table with the doors and windows wide open and with, perhaps, some good music appealing to his better self."

Southampton did more to create more Molly Pitchers than any of the other summer resorts, thanks primar", to the energy and enthusiasm of Mrs. George "Maxwell. On August 24 she gave in her Southampton house a luncheon which, in showing a social tendency, was as significant as one of the first of the suffrage meetings behind closed doors in the Fifth avenue homes twenty

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Some of the guests of Mrs. Maxwell were Mrs. Elihu Root, Jr., Mrs. Henry M. Coe, Mrs. Adrian H. Larkin, Mrs. Adam Cochrane, Mrs. George Barton French, Mrs. Russell H. Hoadley, Mrs. Henry May, Mrs. Grosvenor Nicholas, Mrs. William A. Perry, Mrs. Rufus L. Patterson, Mrs. Jospah Thaw and Mrs. Lyttleton Fox, all except Mrs. Fux new Molly Pitchers of society.

They voted for the following resolution condemning the Volstead act:
"Resolved, That we, guests at lune-zon assembled, de stand back of the effort of the Molly Pitcher Club to check any tendency on the part of our national Government to regulate the personal habits of the American people except toose habits which may be designated as criminal, and do protest against the Volstead act as being unnecessarily extreme.

"Resolved further. That we believe in the platform of the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment and we also believe that the sale of light wine and beer under State regulation and of the stronger spirits under Government control will stamp out all that was obnoxious in the old system without impairing her personal liberties of the American people."

Mrs. Maxwell made it known for herself and her sister Molly Pitchers that, J. While they are supporters of temperance in living, they do most emphatically closupprove of the restrictions now placed upon those who are perfectly competent to judge for themselves what they may use as thirst assungers.

The propaganda was thus carried on into the days of the early autumn with a similar luncheon by Mrs. Charles E. Proctor at Shadow Lawn, her country home in Great Neck, L. I., and finally by Miss Carpenter, who, after a State only the saloons."

There are other phases of politics and society that are almost as significant.

One of the Winter's Debutantes, Two Brides at Recent Weddings and a Bride-to-Be



Last Wedding of Berkshire Season on Next Saturday

Miss Virginia Ticknor to Marry Mr. E. McC. Gaillard in Great Barrington.

GREAT BARRINGTON, Mass., Oct. 7. "HE last of the three notable

autumn weddings in Great Barrington society will take place at St. James's Episcopal Church next Saturday evening, when Miss Virginia Ticknor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Duran Ticknor of Great Barrington, will become the bride of Mr. Edward McCrady Gaillard of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia. Miss ber sisters, Miss Martha and Miss Mrs. John H. Hamline, Jr., of Chifield; Miss Ellen Williams of Camden, S. C.: Miss Louise Durant of Great Barrington and Miss Frances Brug-

Mr. Gaillard's best man will be his brother, Mr. Samuel G. Gaillard, Jr., of Philadelphia, and the ushers will be Bernardsville, N.J., Messrs. Ganson G. Depew of Buffalo, J. Elliott Wooley, Willard D. Litt, Edward W. Bourne, George H. Walker and Allen Plans Tableaux W. Ames of New York, Clarence Stanley and Delano de Windt of Great Barringas Parish Benefit ton and Edwin R. Purves of Chestnut Hill, Philadelphia

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The week end parties that Mr. and History of Dance to Be Inter- Mrs. Henry White are giving at Elm Court are among the most pleasant events of the autumn in Lenox. Two or more rounds of golf at Stockbridge generally are included. Their guests,

The suburban season is far from ended, and is likely in some of the places near New York to continue well into November. Just at present in Bernardsville, N. J., and its viemity there is much entertaining in various country homes, and there is in preparation for the night of October 14, next Saturdey, an interesting entertainment for the purpose of raising funds to aid the social service work of St. Bernard's parish of Bernard's fluide, h. many members of whose parish are identified with the social life of New York.

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of the dance from the days of historic Greece to the present craze for jazz and will be given at Wendover, the country place of Mr and Mrs. Walter Phelps Bliss. Frequent rehearsals have been held under the direction of Miss Claire Avery and Mr. Frederick Jones, L. and the tableaux will be artistic and colorful. Those tifbleaux suggesting dances of history will be shown without motion with the exception of one or two in which the steps of the dance will be followed. One tableau depicting the dances of ancient Greece will be posed by Mrs. H. Rivington Pyne and Miss Williams, whose costumes will be copied from historical platea. Mrs. J. Cameron Clark in a gorgeous costume will represent a Javanese dancer, and while the tableau is being shown Mrs. H. Ray

Clark in a gorgeous costume will represent a Javanese dancer, and while the tableau is being shown Mrs. H. Ray Dennis will sing characteristic music. In the Medieval dance Mrs. Shepard Krech, Miss Mildred Mitchell and Miss Sybili B. Biliss will pose and a scene at the court of Louis XV. will be shown with much attention to detail of costume. In this tableau the participants, who will be Mrs. Reginald B. Rives, Mrs. Charles Whitney, Mr. E. Coster Wilmerding, Mr. Edward B. Conden and Mr. Whitney Warren, Jr., will pose as in an ancient minuet. At least one of the costumes, that which will be wern by Mr. E. Coster Wilmerding, is genuine. It is a court costume once worn by his great grandfather Coster at the court of Louis XVI., King of France.

There will be an attractive scene of